DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Richards:

Please note that I made some changes to the definition of "arbitration agreement" to make it work better grammatically. I also added an initial applicability to clarify that the arbitration agreement requirements apply to admissions to long-term care facilities and requests to sign arbitration agreements on the effective date of the bill. Both the U.S. and Wisconsin Constitutions prohibit the impairment of existing contracts, the initial applicability provision I added clarifies that the bill's requirements do not apply to, and therefore will not impair, existing arbitration agreements. Please review these changes and additions and confirm that they meet your intent.

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